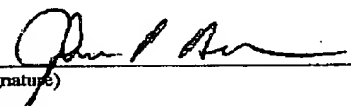


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In response to the Final Office Action mailed November 14, 2005, Applicants request consideration of the unentered Amendment and Reply and Disclaimer of Priority previously submitted on December 21, 2005, along with the Reply to the Advisory Action submitted herewith accompanying a Request for Continued Examination (RCE). The Director is hereby authorized to charge the RCE filing fee of \$790.00, and any other fees necessary to effect this filing, to the Account of Barnes & Thornburg, Deposit Account No. 10 0435, with reference to our file 7475-29603. Please amend the above-captioned patent application and consider the remarks as set forth below.

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